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## **Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6pm**



Review [the Warrant Book](#), find your Town Meeting Members (by precinct), and read through other important information for the upcoming meeting at the Dedham High School field.

*(RAIN DATE: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6pm)*

Town Meeting is conducted with the help of the [Select Board](#), [Town Clerk](#), [Town Manager](#), and [Town Moderator](#).

View and download a [Town Voting Precinct Map](#), or you can use an [interactive map](#) to find your Precinct.



# MAY 2021

**Public meetings are being postponed or held remotely.** The state's Open Meeting Law has been modified to enable local governments to carry out essential functions during the COVID-19 outbreak per the governor's emergency order. Please refer to [the Town calendar](#) to join a public meeting remotely by using the links or dial-in instructions published in the meeting's agenda.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, [dedhamcovid19.com](https://dedhamcovid19.com), for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts.

Locally, residents are always encouraged to contact the Dedham Health Department at 781-751-9220 with any questions or concerns.

By continuing to practice social distancing, regular handwashing, and wearing a face covering, we can ensure that our return to the new normal is not delayed.



# **Dedham Council on Aging**

**Join us to tour the new  
Ames Senior Center!**

**Saturday, May 15th, 2021  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**COVID protocols will be in  
place with masks and social distancing.  
Reservations are required. Please  
reserve a spot by emailing  
[cdaly@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:cdaly@dedham-ma.gov) or calling  
**781-751-9495****







## Dedham Civic Pride Landscape Crew Starts The 2021 Season

The members of the Dedham Civic Pride Landscape Crew, Maryanne Hawkins, Rick Sidorowicz, Chuck Rando, and Stephen Murphy began their spring cleanup work on April 19th. The crew will be cleaning up, planting, and maintaining the Sponsor-A-Spot sites and Blooms flowerpots throughout the town from now until the beginning of November. Currently Dedham Civic Pride has over 50 pocket gardens in the town and over 60 flowerpots and large planters in Dedham Square, Oakdale Square and East Dedham.

The Landscape Crew is funded by The Friends of Dedham Civic Pride, a non-profit, dedicated to supporting the efforts of keeping the town looking its best by improving the aesthetics of traffic islands, road dividers, and other locations in town. Many of the Sponsor-A-Spot and Blooms are sponsored by local businesses, community organizations and individuals. Each sponsor is recognized with a sign with their name either in their site or flowerpot.

If you or your business or organization would like to sponsor a site or a flowerpot, please contact **Janet Holmes** at **781-249-9258**.



*Maryanne Hawkins, a member of the Dedham Civic Pride Landscape Crew, stands beside one of the large planters on Eastern Ave in Dedham Square. The Landscape Crew has begun their 2021 season with the cleanup of sites and pots throughout the town.*



## #Just1BagDedham Wraps Up Its Two Week Clean Up

On Sunday, April 25th the #Just1BagDedham wrapped up its two week town wide clean up. Many groups and organizations participated in this program cleaning up neighborhood streets, parks, playgrounds, and wooded areas through the town.

During this two week period, a total of 65 people logged their time spending 86 1/4 hours cleaning and picking up 83 bags of trash which translates into 1,707 gallons of trash off the ground.

Dedham Civic Pride's Amy Black donated four Ron's Ice Cream gift cards while Select Board Member Sarah MacDonald donated four Big Bear gift cards. The winners of the raffle were randomly selected.



*Paquita Bass and her daughter Rosie Plunket with bags of trash they collected at the Jersey Street wetlands.*

Congratulations go to Danielle DeLuca and her family; Erik-Meyer Curley; Chris Kelly and family; Alex and Quinn Shumway; Jayden S Connally; Lia Dello Iacono and her mom; Kristel Pole and her boys; and Kristen Schelleng.





# Dedham Historical Society & Museum

**Dedham Historical Society & Museum**

**Monthly Free Webinar Series: Third Thursdays**

**The Dedham Branch Railroad**

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

Railroad historian and DHSM Vice President Steve Brayton will present a history of the Dedham Branch of the New Haven Railroad. Connecting the mainline at Readville to Dedham and on to West Roxbury, the Dedham Branch formed an unusual “loop” route. The webinar presentation will feature images of steam trains and landmarks such as the old Dedham station.



Register in advance for this webinar.

Visit [www.dedhamhistorical.org/current-events](http://www.dedhamhistorical.org/current-events), use the QR code with your phone's camera, or [click here](#).

To view past Third Thursday webinars, visit

[www.dedhamhistorical.org/past-events](http://www.dedhamhistorical.org/past-events).



***Please call 781.326.1385 with questions.***

***Next Third Thursday Webinar: June 17th***  
***The 1921 Trial of Sacco & Vanzetti***



## MassDOT Project #608587– Bridge St. (Route 109) & Ames St.

After a winter hiatus, MassDOT is continuing their project starting on March 29th. The project limits are along the State Highway's portions of Bridge Street (Dedham Town Line to Ames Street) and Ames Street (Bridge Street to Ames Street Bridge). The project work includes minor roadway widening, sidewalk reconstruction, resurfacing the roadway, re-striping the roadway and reconstruction of the signal at Bridge/Ames Street intersection. The project will include creating ADA-compliant ramps and include designating 5 to 6-foot wide shoulders as bike lanes. The project is anticipated to be completed by the spring of 2023.

*For questions or concerns related to MassDOT's project, please contact the MassDOT Field Office personnel:*

- Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, [Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us)
- Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, [Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us)

## Dedham Police Department

### Hands-Free While Driving

April is distracted driving awareness month. Through a grant awarded to the Dedham Police Department by the Executive Office of Safety and Security, the Department added patrols to specifically watch for and enforce distracted driving violations on the community's roadways. Through this initiative, officers issued 100 citations. Of these citations, 91 were for distracted driving violations including violations of the year-old Hands Free law. Massachusetts law prohibits operators of motor vehicles from using **any** electronic device, including mobile telephones, unless the device is used in hands-free mode.



# Dedham Police Department



## DEA National Prescription Take Back Day

On Saturday April 24, 2021, the Dedham Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Agency National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is a semi-annual event sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

It is important to properly dispose of medications no longer needed for several reasons:



- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue which can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse;
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision;
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends, and the home medicine cabinet;
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold.
- Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.

Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

**In addition to these events, the Dedham Police accept unused and expired medications in the public lobby of the Police Station 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.**

**Just drop the medications in the collection kiosk in our lobby, no questions asked.**



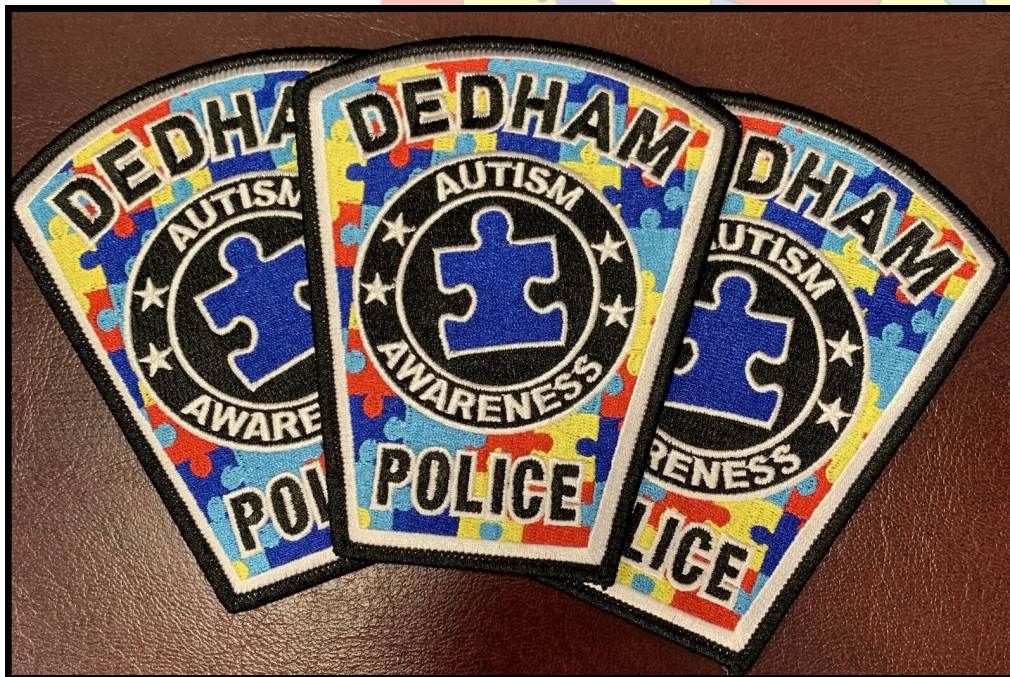
# Dedham Police Department

## Autism Awareness Patches



In recognition of World Autism month, the Dedham Police Department obtained and sold 200 specially designed Autism awareness police patches. This is the first time the Department has participated in a fundraising police patch program. The Department will soon be making a donation in excess of \$1,600 which was raised through this program to the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation. The Flutie Foundation reinvests contributions into safety programs focused on keeping people and families affected by Autism safe in their community.

Thanks to all those who supported this effort by purchasing a patch.



# Endicott Estate



## Congratulations Harvard MBA Graduates!

The Endicott Estate had the pleasure of hosting Harvard University's Business School Social in early May.

Although the forecast called for grey skies and drizzle, nothing could put a damper on the student's spirits and smiles as they celebrated their last day of classes.

This event marked the ending of a very hectic and very different school year, as well as the beginning of a very busy (and long awaited!) event season for the Estate.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for private and community events in the upcoming weeks!





# Engineering Department



## Elm Street & Rustcraft Rd. Sidewalk Improvements Project

MassDOT recently held their Public Information Meeting for this project on April 28th, 2021. The meeting notice was posted a few weeks in advance on the Town's website, social media platforms and The Dedham Times. The public information meeting provided a brief overview of the project including the construction timeline and traffic impacts. For those that missed the meeting and would like to view the presentation material, please visit the [Town's webpage here](#). The Town will also be using this webpage to place information regarding the project as it progresses. We hope to include construction updates and photos of the project from start to finish. If you have any specific questions regarding the project please contact either of the following MassDOT RE Field Office Personnel:

- ◇ Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, [Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us)
- ◇ Laura Montiel, Resident Engineer, [Laura.montiel@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Laura.montiel@dot.state.ma.us)

## 2021 Wet Weather Sewer Inspections

In March, the Town awarded the 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract to National Water Main Cleaning Company. As part of the contract, National Water Main is responsible for this year's wet weather inspections. The wet season in MA typically runs from March through May when the groundwater is at its highest. This allows us to inspect our sewer mains to observe if any of the groundwater (Infiltration) is entering the sewer system. Infiltration does not belong in our sewer system as it reduces the capacity at which our sewer mains can handle wastewater and it also costs all of the Town's sewer customers, through your sewer bill, to have this clean water transported and treated by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). We will use this information to create a workorder for National Water Main to line these leaking sewer mains to keep the infiltration out of our sewer system under this same contract. Over the next few months you may see National Water Main Trucks in your neighborhood if you live in the areas of Greenlodge, Dedham Square, Riverdale (north of Needham St) and Rustcraft Road.

Please find and follow the Engineering Department on Twitter at [@tod\\_engineering](https://twitter.com/tod_engineering).

The Engineering Department will be utilizing this Twitter account to post information related to our stormwater system and what we all can do as a Town to improve the water quality of waterways and natural resources.



May is

# MENTAL HEALTH MONTH







# May is Mental Health Awareness Month

This past year has forced many of us to re-evaluate our health, and the health of those around us more than ever before.

We have faced unprecedented challenges across many aspects of our lives. We have become even more aware of the impact we all have, not only on ourselves, but our communities and beyond.

Mental Health Month was established in 1949 by Mental Health America. The organization understood that mental health, while often stigmatized, overlooked, and under addressed, is essential for an individual's overall well-being and health, and sought to increase awareness of its importance.

If you or someone you know would like additional information or support, please visit the Town's website here to [find local support groups](#), as well as find a list of [Mental Health Resources](#).

References: [US Department of Health & Human Services](#)



*"What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candor, more unashamed conversation."*

*-Glenn Close*



# **Public Safety Building Construction** **Livestream Now Available!**

Calling all construction fans and anyone who is interested in watching the project come to life! Now available through the [Public Safety Building Project website](#) is a livestream broadcast. Tune in from anywhere and watch as construction crews work each day to build our new, combined Public Safety Building.

*(Photo shown provided by Commodore Builders, taken via drone on Wednesday, April 28, 2021).*







Town Hall Talk will be published monthly and will be available on the [website](#).

Please subscribe to receive notification of each new issue!

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 **happy  
mother's day!**